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Perfect prom dresses just a donation away

Becca's Closet collects dresses, lets girls pick them out for prom

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For many teenage girls, picking a prom dress is the biggest decision they've ever had to make.

But in tough economic times, funding the dress may be a bigger concern than finding the right one. That's where Becca's Closet, a non profit in two Cobb High Schools, comes in.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donations are needed to make Becca's Closet a success. Items needed included:

Formal dresses. Plus sizes are in demand

Accessories, including shoes and jewelry

Sturdy dress racks

Plastic dry-cleaning bags

Professional cleaning services

Sewing help for minor alterations

Cash donations

Store space: The Cobb chapters can use the store space in Kennesaw until May 1. The group would like to find a permanent space since they furnish dresses for other dances, such as homecomings and military balls

NEED A DRESS?

E-mail the Cobb chapter at beccasclosetwhs@yahoo.com or at mhsbeccascloset@yahoo.com to schedule an appointment for a fitting

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As a high school freshman in south Florida, "Becca" felt no girl should be left out of the formal event because she couldn't afford a dress. She organized a dress drive, collecting dresses and passing them on to girls in need.

After her death in 2003, her family and friends decided to continue Becca's good works. Today, there are "Becca's Closet" chapters in 32 states, including Georgia.

"It gives us a purpose," says Pam Kirtman, Becca's mom. "It means so much when anyone undertakes the commitment."

McEachern High School in Powder Springs started its chapter five years ago. This year, Walton High in east Cobb started a chapter. There's also a chapter in LaGrange.

Pam Kirtman's childhood friend, Leslie Schwartz, has a daughter at Walton, giving the new chapter a personal connection to Becca.

The two chapters have combined forces, and run a store in donated space near Town Center Mall. Hundreds of dresses in all sizes, along with glitzy accessories, make the store like many others — except you can shop for free.

Some of the dresses are new, still with price tags.

When a group of girls from Atlanta's Grady High School comes to try on dresses this weekend, the Cobb students will serve as personal shopping assistants.

"It's not like 'poor thing,'" Kirtman said. "It's like 'Wow, I know what will look great on you.'"



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Athens' Becca Barrow says her downfall was the 'Freshman 15' when she started college at UGA.

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